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PETITION TO DEFER ISSUANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.314

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Applicant advised the undersigned on April 5, 2004, that, without deceptive intent, it had discovered that an inventor had been omitted from the Declaration filed in this case. Applicant respectfully petitions that issuance of the above patent application be deferred for a sufficient time (at least one (1) month) to permit filing and consideration of a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) to correct the inventorship.

The Applicant and Assignee are located in Germany, and the deferral is requested so that documents may be prepared and executed in support of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a).

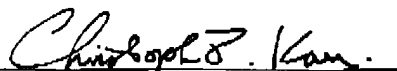
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) of \$130.00, and any additional fees necessary for the continued pendency of this application to Deposit Account 16-0877.

Respectfully submitted,

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